

June 22, 1968

General

~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Gross:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Sylvia Gross
30 Deerpath
Roslyn Heights, New York 11577

AMH:msc - 2

11/21

17

SH-68

ALIC
6-22
mme

Pro 4/5 Statement re. RAK
Suggs



30 Deepwater
Roslyn Heights, N.Y.
June 5, 1968

The President
Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President-

On this terrible day, I implore
you, in your power as our nation's
Leader, to keep lacking sense not
only to the people, but to the Congress.

I applaud and support your
efforts, thus far.

May God bless you and grant
you strength in the day and months
to come.

Most Sincerely
Mrs. Sylvia Gross

June 22, 1968

General
~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Suarez:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Albert J. Suarez
667 Estado Street
Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907

AAH:msc

SH-68
ALC
6/15
Pro 6/15 speech
Support
ALBERT J. SUAREZ
667 Estado Street
Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907

Phone: 722-2294

Representing THE LAWYERS CO-OPERATIVE PUBLISHING COMPANY Rochester, N. Y. 14603

Creative Law Publishers Since 1882



June 5th, 1968

PRESIDENT L. B. JOHNSON
The White House
Washington, D.C.

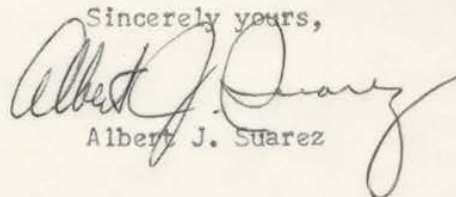
My Dear President Johnson:

I just heard you speak over the radio here in San Juan on the eve of the attempt on Bobby Kennedy's life and for the first time in my life, I am moved to write my PRESIDENT a word of encouragement.

In these trying times, we need the directorship of a man with lots of "guts and leadership" and it seems from where I stand that you have an abundance of both. As we say in Spanish (and you know Spanish) "usted los tiene en su sitio"!

You have chosen to hand over the PRESIDENCY to a successor in January 1969, however, until then, remember we count on you for your leadership and guidance. Until then, may God illuminate and bless you. You have a tremendous load, but let me humbly tell you that I respect and admire the way you are carrying it.

Sincerely yours,


Albert J. Suarez

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 5

*JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.*

Dear Miss Sam:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Becky Sam
856 Broadway
El Centro, California 92243

AHH:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 20
JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

Dear Mrs. Love:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Irene de Leon Love
The Broadview Apartments No. 1107
116 West University Parkway
Baltimore, Maryland

AAH:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 13

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Nowak:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Chester Nowak
3015 South Farrell Street
Chicago, Illinois 60608

AAH:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 32

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert H

Dear Mr. Schranze:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. David Schranze
349 Broadway
New York, New York 10013

AAH:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 20

JL3/ Kennedy,
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Morris:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Allan Morris
3105 Shelburne Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21208

SM:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 32

JL 3/Kennedy,
Robert F

Dear Dr. Oringer:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Dr. Charles J. Oringer
29 Murdock Court
Brooklyn, New York

P.S. I am returning your enclosure since it is felt you may wish to retain it.

AAH:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 30

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F

Dear Miss Rutcosky:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Karen Rutcosky
Post Office Box 38
Wharton, New Jersey 07885

CF:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 24

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F

Dear Mr. Cobb:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Joe Cobb
Director
Baptist Student Union
Northeast Mississippi Junior College
102 Felker Street
Booneville, Mississippi 38829

AVB:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 24

TL 3/King

Dear Mr. Cobb:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Joe Cobb
Director
Baptist Student Union
Northeast Mississippi Junior College
102 Felker Street
Booneville, Mississippi 38829

AVB:msc

June 22, 1968

General

SP 3-236/ST 32

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

Dear Miss Cheller:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Theresa Cheller
97 Hanson Place
Ronkonkoma, New York 11779

CF:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 43

JL 3/Kennedy
Robert F.

Dear Mr. Hicks:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Hoyt Hicks
7241 Richlynn Terrace
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

AAH:msc

GENERAL

7L3/Kennedy,
Robert F.

MA 2

June 22, 1968

Dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President. He has asked me to tell you how very much he shares your admiration for the courage and presence of mind displayed by Mr. Roosevelt Grier and Mr. Rafer Johnson on that tragic day in Los Angeles.

In this time of test and trial for us all, it is heartening to those who lead the country to be assured of the kind of concern and civic interest reflected in your letter.

Please be assured of the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mr. Jonilee E. Moss
391 Shore Road
Pittsburg, California 94565

WRS:EH:avw

3

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1968
GENERAL FILES

WS-1
June 7, 1968

Mr. President,

I do not pretend to know the answers to these senseless assassinations (which seem to be happening more and more often), but, I do know that it would be a great injustice to let men like Roosevelt Grier and Rafer Johnson go without some form of recognition for their heroism against the armed gunman who killed Senator Robert Kennedy. Perhaps, if there were more men like them, (citizens who are not afraid to get involved) these things might not happen. Robert Kennedy was a good American, but, now he is gone and after he is buried there is nothing more that can be done for him. I feel he would be pleased if he knew that such courage had not gone unrewarded.

MEADOWS OFFICE
WASHINGTON
JUN 10 12 44 PM '68
ONE MILE NORTH
Your Friend and Fellow American,

Mr. Jonilee E. Moss

Jonilee E. Moss
391 Shore Road
Pittsburg, Calif. 94565

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 13 PM 12 11

JUNE 7, 1968

1-26

Mr. President,
I do not pretend to know the answers
to these questions which seem to
be happening more and more often, but I do know
that it would be a great injustice to let men like
Roosevelt Baker and Walter Johnson go without some
form of recognition for their service against the
armed gunmen who killed Senator Robert Kennedy.
Perhaps, if there were more men like them, (citizens
who are not afraid to get involved) these things
might not happen. Robert Kennedy was a good American,
but now he is gone and after he is buried there is
nothing more that can be done for him. I feel he
would be pleased if he knew that each citizen had
not gone unawakened.

MESSAGE OFFICE
PRESIDENTIAL

Your Friend and Fellow American,

1968 JUN 13 PM 2 38
JENNIFER E. MOORE

THE WHITE HOUSE

JENNIFER E. MOORE

391 Blue Road
Fitchburg, Mass. 01427

Mc/92

June 22, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.
MA2

Dear Mrs. Carter:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President. He has asked me to tell you how very much he shares your admiration for the courage and presence of mind displayed by Mr. Roosevelt Grier and Mr. Rafer Johnson on that tragic day in Los Angeles.

In this time of test and trial for us all, it is heartening to those who lead the country to be assured of the kind of concern and civic interest reflected in your letter.

Please be assured of the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Harry X Carter (Mrs. Juanita B. Carter)
5006 Norman Avenue
Finleyville, Pennsylvania 15332

WRS:EH:avw
3

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1968
CENTRAL FILES

B

En

Recognition

June 7, 1968

WS-1 Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you
to ask if it would be
possible to award medals
to Roosevelt Grier and
Rafer Johnson for their
courage and bravery in
seizing the assassin of the
late Senator Robert F. Kennedy.
In these days of racial
strife and violence I think
these great athletes deserve
recognition instead of glamor-

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 13 PM 12 14

2

-izing the hoodlums who promote violence. These two men are splendid examples of sportsmanship and I think they should be recognized.

Roosevelt Grier was a student at Penn State when I was there during the 1953-1954 school year and I can personally testify to his kindness and consideration of others.

I had in mind the type of award which was given to Rufus Youngblood.

3

I am only a housewife
and mother, but I had
to write this as a small
contribution to help end
hate and injustice.

May God grant you
courage to deal with
your heavy burdens.

Sincerely,

Juanita B. Carter

Mrs. Harry Carter
5006 Norman Ave.

Pineyville, Pa
15332

12338
2000
THE WHITE HOUSE

1968 JUN 13 PM 2 37

PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE OFFICE



June 22, 1968

GEN
LE/JL3

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Catherine:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter. He mourns with you, and with the nation, the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Because of the interest you expressed, you may want to read the enclosed statement by the President on signing the Safe Streets and Crime Control Act of 1968. In it, he discussed the urgent need for more stringent gun controls.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Catherine Murphy
740 New Dorp Lane
Staten Island, New York 10306

Enclosure: Crime statement, 6/19/68

AP:sle

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Miss Kastel:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Katherine Kastel
1920 Estes Road
Los Angeles, California 90041

AAH:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP-3-236/ST

JLB/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. F. Smith
9222 South Laflin Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

(Virginia G. Smith)
X

ANGLN
NHNX
AAHmsc - 2

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Smith
9222 S. Laflin Street
Chicago, Illinois 60620

1700X Pro: 6/5 Statement re RFK
SH-68 ALI 6-20-68
June 5, 1968

My dear Mister President:

My
husband and I just listened
to your talk on television re-
garding the tragic shooting
of Senator Robert Kennedy.
Never
in our lives have we heard
such a sincere message
right from the heart. You
worded your thoughts
beautifully. In other words,
you said what was in our
hearts.

God bless you,
Virginia G. Smith
(Mrs. J. F.)

June 22, 1968

General

~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Miss Benedict:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Margaret Benedict
Apartment 25
230 Oakland Avenue
Audubon, New Jersey 08106

AAH:MSM - 1

8
MS
54-68
AHL
6-22
muc
Pro: 6/5 Sp

To the President: June 5, 1968
Dear Mr. Johnson:
I think your address to
night may well be the high
point of your long and honorable
career. I only hope that your people
(our people) will thank you to
you sincere and passionate

words. Even as I am writing this,
the news reels have been showing the
rapid and horrifying sequence of events
immediately following the brutal
and shocking of a young, vigorous
man with the purpose of contributing
much more to his country.

As one of the "little people" I
can report that a ground swell is
spreading among us, and you speak
uprightly the feeling, and o-
pinion being expressed this morning
in the wake of the shocking news.

May I add that I think
you have endured the most im-
portant castigation since Robert
Hoover!

Sincerely
Margaret D. Benedict

June 22, 1968

General
~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Simonton:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. Thomas E. Simonton
Apartment 1228
5480 Wisconsin Avenue
Chevy Chase, Maryland 20015

AAH:msc - 2

18
18
Apt. 1228
6 mm
4/5 Statemk
SF-68
RFR

5480 Wisconsin Ave.
Apt. 1228
Chevy Chase, Md. 20015

June 5, 1968

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United
States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

As an American --- proud of his country, proud of his
heritage --- might I just be one voice among millions
to say:

It is a good country. We are a people who respect the
laws which govern us. And, to paraphrase Winston Churchill,
we will live for a thousand years --- and perhaps this decade
of the nineteen-sixties, of which you are so much a part, will
be our finest hour.

Your speech tonight was reason in the ^dmist of what most of
us thought was darkness. Sincerely, because I am not prone
to write "fan" letters, God bless you.

A fellow American,

Thomas E. Simonton

Thomas E. Simonton.

P.S. - I just thought I ought to let my feelings known
to someone on your staff. This letter does not
demand an answer. You said five years ago "in this
moment of new resolve." All I am saying is that there
are millions of us who have always had that "new re-
solve."

June 22, 1968

General
~~SP-3-236/ST~~

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Franklin:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mr. James A. Franklin
8-1 Deerfield Park
Hightstown, New Jersey 08520

AAH:msc - 2

Deerfield Park 8-1
Hightstown, N.J.

1968
The President
White t'

117 ACIL
SH-68 Pro 6/5 Statement re. RJK
June 5, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your appeal to Americans this evening to reject the philosophies of extremism and violence and to respect the laws of this nation was very commendable. I admired your eloquence and I sincerely hope it has touched others as it has me.

I can only wish great strength and perseverance for you as you lead the country in the coming months and search for peace in Viet Nam.

You have my admiration and support.

Most sincerely,
James A. Franklin

June 22, 1968

General

~~SP 3-236/ET~~

7L3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. James ^XSherman
750 West Belden
Chicago, Illinois 60614

AAH:msc - 2



J. Sherman, 750 W. Bolden, Chicago, Illinois 60614

73

En

all

54-68

Pro-2p-6-5- Re: Shooting of Sen. RFK

ALIC

6-22

man

June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. President-

The full dignity of your office, and the full dignity of the man you are, came through a few minutes ago on television.

At such a time as now - it is reassuring to know that we have such men as you - who are willing to take on the world's headaches and dedicate themselves to "full-time-trying" to alleviate them.

Someone has to. You, being the Father image, of sorts - said what had to be said - tonight. God pray sensible people - and others - were listening.

Thanks,

James Sherman

June 22, 1968

General

~~SP-3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy RF

Dear Mr. Johnson:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Thomas W. ^XJohnson
Apartment 4 D
478 Central Park West
New York, New York 10025

AAH:msc - 2

10/11
76
SH-68
APR 6 1968
Pro: 6/5 Sp. -

New York 10025-772
June 6th 1968

Honorable.

Linden B. Johnson.

The President of the
United States

Dear Mr. President
I heard your speech at 10 PM
New York Time you are a
Great man. in fact all
of President of the United
States have been good.

Your Great speech
of June 6 at 10 PM.
will not be forgotten
you made you self very
clear to our Nation
you did not leave
any thing undone

The Best of good
Luck to you and your Great
Family

a Citizen
Thomas W. Johnson
478. Central Park West.
apt 4 D.

New York 10025-772

June 22, 1968

General
~~SP 3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Ward:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Paul Ward
Box 458
Hays, Kansas 67601

AAH:msc - 2

W.S.
APR 16
6:12
min
Pro 6-5 Stationed
re shooting RPK
SH-68

LAW OFFICE OF
PAUL WARD
BOX 458
HAYS, KANSAS
67601

June 5 -

Dear President Johnson -

Amen on your talk
Wednesday Night
Concerning Violence.

Sincerely
Paul Ward

June 22, 1968

General
~~SP-3-236/ST~~

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Hull:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John B. ^XHull
High Point Farms
Orange, Virginia 22960

AAH:msc -L

SH-68
ALL
6-22
more

Pro Sp 6/5-

HIGH POINT FARMS
Orange, Virginia 22960

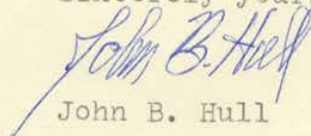
June 6, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your speech of Wednesday night, June 5, which was carried live on television, seemed to me to sum up in very concise terms the main problems that our country has been having these last few years. You are to be congratulated for spelling it out so clearly to the American public.

Sincerely yours,


John B. Hull

JBH:bd

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Rust:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Ben Rust
781 Ventura Street
Richmond, California 94805

CF:msc

June 22, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend James A. Sawyer
Immanuel Baptist Church
Postfach 2010
Wiesbaden, Germany

CF:msc

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1968

MEMO FOR JOHN ROCHE

I'm answering some who peg
assassination to violence and
want to stop bombing, end war,
etc. This one looks like a sure
loser to me, but wanted you to
have a look.

[Signature]

W-

Whitney Shoemaker

He is a jerk -

RECEIVED
JUN 25 1968
CENTRAL FILES

take? I repeat, may we not have peace in Vietnam and effort in
this country?

GENERAL

ND19/60312
JL3/King

42 STREET NEW YORK CITY 10017 TEL: (212) 661-4500

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F,
Athenaeum

June 14, 1968

? Will you not take the necessary
nam in order to turn our attention
roblems which have far greater
? Are not the deaths of Martin Luther
edy enough? Is it not time to rid
stand in your way and hinder you
h you yourself, I'm sure, want to

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

Thomas J. Wilson
Vice President & Senior Editor

/k

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robt F.

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Stohlman:

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert K. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Perhaps the enclosed releases, which contain suggestions the President made recently to some young Americans, will be helpful to you.

With the President's gratitude for your interest and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Elizabeth A. Stohlman^x
Route 3, Box 227-A
Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania 15851

Enclosures: Rel of 5/29/68, President's remarks at TCU; rel of 6/10/68, President's remarks at reception for 1968 Presidential Scholars; rel of 6/11/68, President's remarks to Capitol Page School Graduates; and rel of 6/12/68, President's remarks to National Rural Electrical Coop. Assn.

DEK:jms

11

dek

R. D. 3, Box 227-A

Reynoldsville, Penna. 15851

June 11, 1968

Mr. President,

I am writing to you today to inquire about what I can do as an American citizen to help the situation in America. I was much bereaved over the death of Senator Kennedy. As tragic as it was it awakened me to the sad state of affairs which our country is in. If you are too busy to help me with my request please inform me of someone else who can?

Mr. President, I am looking for information about jobs on which the young people of today can work together to make America a better place. I want to dedicate my life to my country, doing as much as I possibly can to help create a better place. This is a time in our history when all Americans must do their part to help America again become the once highly respected country it was in the world. We must all work together to attain this goal so the children of today and all

future generations will walk with their heads high with the honor of being an American instead of in shame as we have done so frequently in our recent past. Robert Kennedy is gone from our world but behind he left his goal for all Americans to reach. It is time for all inspired youth to take up his banner and reach this goal he held so dearly, and to which he gave his life. Please, Mr. President, help us, the youth of America to find places in this country at which we can all work toward his goal.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your time in reading my letter.

Very truly yours
Miss Elizabeth L. Stahlman
STOHLMAN

mc

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
SP

June 21, 1968

Dear Mr. Wellman:

May I express, for the President, his thanks for your thoughtful note of June 13 concerning his broadcast statement on Senator Kennedy's assassination.

Because of the specifics of your comment, may I inform you that he, too, was aware of the change of emphasis that came midway through the statement. There is an explanation: after working on a draft of his statement for some time, the President was quite familiar with it, but shortly before delivering his message, he decided to revise the latter section. After doing this, he decided to make the television appearance promptly, even though it meant reading the closing sentences.

May I also express appreciation for the importance of efforts to maintain law and order in the nation.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Fleming
Deputy Press Secretary
to the President

Mr. Joseph E. Wellman^x
684 Falmouth Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

RECEIVED
JUN 22 1968
CENTRAL FILES

Date 6/21

Referred to:

Mr. Robert Fleming

By: Mr. Hopkins' Office

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Wellman:

May I express, for the President, his thanks for your thoughtful note of June 13 concerning his broadcast statement on ~~the~~ ~~death of~~ Senator Kennedy's assassination.

Because of the specifics of your comment, may I inform you that he, too, was aware of the change of emphasis that came midway through the statement. There is an explanation: after working on a draft of his statement for some time, the President was quite familiar with it, but shortly before delivering his message, he decided to revise the latter section. After doing this, he decided to make the television appearance promptly, even though it meant reading the closing sentences.

May I also express appreciation for the importance of efforts to maintain law and order in the nation.

Sincerely,

F

JOSEPH E. WELLMAN

June 13, 1968

H
The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Congratulations, Mr. President, on your excellent talk to the American public last week on NBC after the tragedy of Senator Kennedy's assassination -- your words were tremendously impressive to me.

For the record, however, during the first part of your speech when you were looking the camera straight in the eye it was really great, but near the end when you kept looking at the podium you lost much of the effectiveness of your speech. This is just a suggestion, Sir, that your speeches have much more impact when you talk spontaneously and look right out at your audience.

I pray that during the balance of your time as our President that you can instill in the American public the necessity to restore law and order.

Respectfully,

Joe E. Wellman

Joseph E. Wellman
684 Falmouth Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

JW/jf

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1963 JUN 20 PM 4 40

JOSEPH E. WELLMAN

June 13, 1963

The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Congratulations, Mr. President, on your excellent
talk to the American public last week on NBC after the
tragedy of Senator Kennedy's assassination -- your
words were tremendously impressive to me.

For the record, however, during the first part of your
speech when you were looking the camera straight in
the eye it was really great, but near the end when you
kept looking at the podium you lost much of the effective-
ness of your speech. This is just a suggestion. Sir, that
your speeches have much more impact when you talk
spontaneously and look right out at your audience.

I pray that during the balance of your time as our
President that you can instill in the American public the
necessity to restore law and order.

Respectfully,

Joe E. Wellman
Joseph E. Wellman
684 Palmyra Road
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

JW/11

GENERAL

June 21, 1968

PH
JFK/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Tillich:

Thank you for your "open letter" to President Johnson.

The thought behind your particular suggestion of new primaries is appreciated, but I am sure that on reflection you will understand that the prevailing state laws make it impossible to fulfill at this time.

Beyond that, there can be no justification for violence which tears at the fabric of our national life. You may want to read the enclosed copy of the President's statement to the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Rene Tillich
132 A Royal Circle
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815

Enclosure: NCCVP statement 6/5/68

WS:lcc

Mc/mon

CONGRESSIONAL

June 21, 1968

GENERAL

*JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

*PR14
JL3*

Dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge your letter of June 20 to the President enclosing a copy of an open letter to the President by Mr. Walter Perry Dornaus.

Your interest in bringing Mr. Dornaus' letter to our attention is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Barefoot Sanders
Legislative Counsel
to the President

Honorable Page^x Belcher
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

File: Whitney Shoemaker w/incoming

fs/jf

1

RECEIVED
JUN 28 1968
CENTRAL FILES

TO: Barefoot Sanders

FROM: Whitney Shoemaker

Suggest we let the case rest with your ackmt
to Belcher. His constituent blames the
President for crime and violence.

File

14
HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
SUITE 2462

PAGE BELCHER
FIRST DISTRICT, OKLAHOMA

MEMBER COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE

HOME ADDRESS:
FEDERAL BUILDING
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARY C. HIGGINS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

June 20, 1968

encl
S
President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing an Open Letter to you as requested by a constituent of mine in a recent letter.

My constituent is Mr. Walter Perry Dornaus, Chief Counsel, Kewanee Oil Company, Box 2239, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Page Belcher
PAGE BELCHER
Member of Congress

PB/as

Enc.

CARD

JUN 21 1968

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 21 AM 9 10

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing an open letter to you as
requested by a constituent of mine in a recent letter.

My constituent is Mr. Walter Perry Dornan,
Chief Counsel, Kansas Oil Company, Box 2239, Tulsa,
Oklahoma.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Barack Obama
Barack Obama
Member of Congress

EO/ee

Enc.

An Open Letter to The President of The United States:

My dear Mr. President:

An overwhelming majority of Americans share the concern which you have expressed in the aftermath of Senator Kennedy's assassination. We, too, are concerned, and deeply, with the mounting wave of crime and violence and with the disregard for law and order which is sweeping our country. We do not agree that the fault lies with the millions of law abiding, hard working, tax paying citizens, of all races, who alone support the economy of this country. We resent the implication that somehow we, all Americans, are to blame. We feel that the causes which lead to the consequences which you deplore, and which we deplore, lie elsewhere. It is not a sick society which is to blame, but a perverse philosophy in government and the permissive and tolerant attitude of our elected officials and appointive justices which has given rise to so many of the problems with which we are confronted.

We feel it is time that someone, like the boy in Anderson's fairy tale, "The Emperors Clothes", stripped the veil of sanctity from the eyes of those who refuse to acknowledge the truth. We feel it is time that you, Mr. President, examine the contribution which your administration has made to violence and disorder, that you review the contributions of our highest court in the light of decisions which increasingly protect the criminal and hamper the efforts of our police and prosecutors and State courts to protect the innocent against vulpine and voracious violators of their rights.

We feel that you should evaluate the contribution to disorder and violence which has been made by political demagogues who, in exchange for votes, promise more

than they, more than our country can fulfill, and by doing so arouse hopes which being unfulfilled give rise to bitterness and lawless reaction.

We feel that you should examine the impact which has been exerted by sociologists and "liberals" who belong to that school of thought which professes to believe that a "poor environment" should be an excuse for all anti-social activity and should exempt the offender from punishment. A poor environment is no excuse for failure -- the splendid career of Al Smith and hundreds like him constitutes a complete refutation of this concept.

You have demanded law and order. We agree that this is an imperative. Have you demanded as well that degree of self-discipline without which law and order cannot exist? Have you, in the alternative, insisted upon imposed discipline where self-discipline is absent? We do not need more laws, we need rather, prompt, firm, fair and impartial enforcement of those which we have.

Those who have incited and led riots which make a travesty of law and order are still at large. As surely as if they had held the pistol or applied the torch those who incited these riots are as guilty of murder as was the demented wretch who assassinated Senator Kennedy. What action have you taken to bring these culprits to justice? What action do you propose to take?

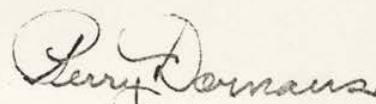
Recently on television we witnessed the debasing spectacle of your Attorney General standing at bay while an undisciplined mob threatened to burn and destroy. What action do you propose to take to bolster and strengthen the sanctity of law in the face of this challenge?

What do you propose to do to alter the thinking of those who refuse to enforce discipline in our colleges and universities and mistakenly assume that education at the

public or private expense of others is a right and not a privilege? When will you state, without equivocation, that freedom is not license, that privileges carry with them obligations, that in the absence of self-discipline, enforced discipline must result?

You have appointed a commission to examine into the causes of lawlessness and disorder. Will it, like the ghetto commission, find no one to blame except the mass of Americans who do not and cannot control the policy of our government except through its congressional representatives? Or will your commission probe more deeply, will it seek to determine the extent to which these disorders have been influenced, encouraged, and yes, protected by the utterances and actions and attitude of our elected officials? Will they then, suggest, as indeed they must, that the tone of the orchestra is created by the conductor, that the course of the ship is determined by the captain, and the welfare of the state is determined by those who control policy, who act or fail to act, and not by those who, like the mass of your fellow Americans, can and do obey the law and look to our elected representatives to see that others are required to do the same?

The wrongs committed by or suffered by a minority can never be corrected by destroying the rights of the majority!


Perry Dornaus

GENERAL

FGI

JL3/Kennedy, Robert
Kennedy, Edward

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Bray:

President Johnson has asked me to express his understanding and appreciation of your wish to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has been deeply touched in these days of grief by the evidence, in messages such as yours, that the heart of America is compassionate and can respond to tragedy of this magnitude -- not only with a sense of irreparable loss, but also with vision and high purpose.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Mary Patricia Bray
Apartment 7-B
10908 Santa Monica Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90025

MD:sle

3

36
GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.
PR 14/ST5

June 21, 1968

Dear Mrs. Daehne:

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter to President Johnson, I wish to assure you and those who joined with you that your views have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mildred I. Daehne
3256 Wall Avenue
San Bernardino, California 92404

CFH:rrw

RECEIVED
JUN 25 1968
CENTRAL FILES

off ~~encl~~
The President of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson
Mr. President, ^{But} you, I know who ^{joined with you}
Enclosed is a letter with signature of friends.
If I were not a semi-invalid with a muscular problem
I would have had hundreds of names. But this is
enough to let you know we are concerned
Yours truly,
Mrs. M. Daehne

The president of the United States Lyndon B. Johnson

6-12-68

Mr. President

As law abiding citizens of the State of California, and of the United States of American, we DEMAND that you, as our elected representative, see to it that people obey our laws and that when they break these laws, they pay the full penalty of our law.

The death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy is a HORROR to our society. Regardless of personal politics, we all follow lawfully our President and our laws, no matter which party is in office.

NO REASON can be found for THIS ASSASSIN to avoid the death penalty for his criminal act of murder. Too many convicted criminals are turned loose to prey on our society again.

Mrs. Mildred I. Daehne, 3256 Wall Ave, San Bernardino, Calif 92404
Russell Kretzer 111 E. 18th St. SAN BERN. CALIF 92404
Vera Kretzer 5858 Stanton, Highland, Calif 92346
G. A. Kretzer 5858 State Ave Highland, Calif 92346
Arbude Kretzer 111 E. 18th St. San Bernardino 92404
Pearl Brockette 122 E. 16th St San Bernardino, Calif
Roy L. Bagwell 555 - 9th St San Bernardino, Calif
Edna M. Bagwell 555 - 9th St San Bernardino, Calif
Harold E. Daehne 3256 Wall Ave San Bernardino, Calif
Vellie Bhea 1250 Sepulveda. San Bernardino, Calif. 92404

Copies to

Congressman Patten
President Johnson
Justice Knight
Governor Reagan
Mayor Yorty
Senator Murphy
State Senator Coombes.

Mrs
Mildred I. Elder Daehne
3256 Wall Avenue
San Bernardino, Calif. 92404

gh

GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robt. F.
KENNEDY, Edward (Sen.)

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss O'Leary:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing at this time of tragedy.

It was good of you to let him have your comments, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Barbara C. O'Leary⁺
3117 Circle Hill Road
Alexandria, Virginia 22305

CF:mfd

RECEIVED
JUN 25 1968
CENTRAL FILES

7

9

3117 Circle Hill Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22305

383 writing at this time of tragedy
June 11, 1968

c/b-2

ack'd
6/21/68
mfd

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President: -

Arthur Schlesinger forgot to mention
the strength and generosity of our present
President. I'd like to mention it and
thank you for ordering Secret Service
Protection for Senator Edward M.
Kennedy - the last of the Kennedy Brothers.

Very gratefully yours,

Barbara C. O'Leary

✓

GENERAL

MA2

JL3/Kennedy, Robert

June 21, 1968

Dear Miss Gilmore:

President Johnson has asked me to express his understanding and appreciation of your wish to honor the memory of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President has been deeply touched in these days of grief by the evidence, in messages such as yours, that the heart of America is compassionate and can respond to tragedy of this magnitude -- not only with a sense of irreparable loss, but also with vision and high purpose.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Mikette Gilmore
1292 Antwerp Lane
San Jose, California 95118

SM:sle

GENERAL

June 21, 1968

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson at this time of terrible sorrow.

The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

Your comments on the war in Viet-Nam, the campaign and the candidates have been fully noted. The President has made his position clear in his address to the nation on March 31 and his news conference on May 3. He hopes for your understanding as he devotes his efforts toward progress through a united purpose in America -- and toward a just and lasting peace in Viet-Nam.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Deloss S. Brown
70 Austin Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

EK:WS:lcc

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

10
70 Austin Street
Cambridge, Mass
June 12, 1968

The President
The White House
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I am writing first to express
my admiration and gratitude for
your behavior at the time of the
death of Senator Kennedy. I was
grieving over his death and the end of his
chances, I was frightened by the anarchy
in the death of a public figure by
assassination, and I was angry

✓

that such a thing could be
allowed to happen. It was
therefore very comforting to see that
you shared the grief and managed
yourself and your office with
dignity and taste (Taste is perhaps
not the right word, but it is the best
I can think of). I was glad that
you were angry with those who had
destroyed the gun laws, and showed
it. They can scarcely be blamed
for the senator's death, but they
may have contributed indirectly.

Finally, you are a good, strong,
intelligent President, and I do not

fear anarchy and chaos while you hold the office. I was very glad that you were Vice-President when President Kennedy was shot. I voted for you in 1964 and I am very glad that you have been President both for your accomplishments and your character.

I have one other topic which I will try to write about briefly, and I address you because I don't know who else to write to. I am one of those who disagree with you on our conduct in the Viet-Nam War. I think I understand that you hate the war, and I hope you understand that I know

it is a horribly complicated business
and that there aren't any fast solutions.
I had favored Senator McCarthy as a
candidate for the Presidency because
of his position on the war and because
he was not in your administration. I
mean you no discredit. I take your
refusal to run as an acknowledgment
of the nearly impossible difficulties
in your trying to conclude the
war. Though I had no great hopes
for Senator McCarthy's getting the
nomination, I thought that Senator
Kennedy might. He had enough popular
support that he might have gotten the
nomination, despite the fact that the
leaders of the Democratic party seemed
not to favor him.

With the death of Senator Kennedy, it seems clear that the parties intend to nominate Vice-President Humphrey and Nixon. These men are both unacceptable to many either because of their associations with past administrations, their present views, or the fact that they have not stated their views on some very important topics. Yet, to my opinion, has demonstrated a justifying amount of popular support.

Yet they are apparently going to be nominated. This means that several million of us who are already disaffected will be denied any chance to express our disaffection, at least, by voting.

But voting is the only effective, legal way we are allowed to make changes in our government.

If you, sir, feel that it is unfortunate that many of the citizens are in effect being denied any voice in the government, I hope that you will try to use your influence to keep the parties from choosing their candidates long before the conventions, and without regard for the wishes of the electorate.

I wish that the remainder of your term may be much happier than these preceding months.

I have the honor to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,
Debra Stoddard Brown

GENERAL

June 21, 1968

GL3/Kennedy, R.F.
ND 19/03/12/1729
GL3

Dear Private Fleming:

President Johnson received the letter you sent to the White House and he appreciates your writing at this time of great sorrow. He shares your concern over lawlessness in our country and mourns with the nation the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The President asked that I send you the enclosed releases about the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence which he has established. There are no easy solutions to the problems that confront us today -- but they can be overcome when our hearts and minds are put to the task. The image of America which you cherish will not fade.

You and those who serve with you have the President's gratitude, his warm good wishes, and the pledge of his continuing commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

PFC Frank Fleming Jr.
US 64106335
C Btry 2/40 Arty
199 Inf. Brig.
APO San Francisco 96279

Enclosures Ex. Order re NCCPV 6/10/68; and
P's rms of 6/10/68 to Commission.

GMR:EK:mg

RECEIVED
JUN 23 1968
CENTRAL FILE

A4/CS

White House

6/11/68 gm

To the Public

This letter is important, for more reason than ^{one} maybe some people can understand. I don't know what going on in the world which I call home, but it one thing I do know all that evil has got to be put ~~put~~ to a stop, for this and I don't care who don't like it, but everytime there a good person running for office or is in all ready dirty minded person want to take his life look at me ~~this morning~~ when I come home I want peace, but will forget that, not only me this come from all my friends that is in my Btry.

What can I say I never cry so much in my life, and if it weren't for my friends I wouldn't have knew what to do they told me, Frank you can't hate everybody for what one has done, but look every person that believe that every man should be treated as man and stand up for that have not made it through life.

Person who believe in right, you better start standing up and face the evil one in our Country, because let me tell you this, if you don't the evil will have what you work all your life for, it up to you.

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 13 PM 12 56

To the Public
This letter is important for
more reason than any other
I have ever written. It is
about the world which I call home. It
is one thing to know all that will
be put before you to vote for
them and I don't care who says
it but every time there is a good person
running for office in this country
I sit at two or three long tables
and look at me to see if I
can help to elect a good man but will
I get that man over the top?
All my friends that is in my mind
what can I do? I can't vote for
my life and if it is important for
my life I will vote for it. I will
to the people I don't want to
everybody for what we have here but
look every person that believes that
every man should be treated as a man
and stand up for that have not made
it through life.
I have no belief in right or
better than standing up and face the
evil one in our country because
let me tell you that if you don't
the evil will have what you want
all our life for it up to you.

There are times that will come when if we are not together to destroy all evil in our nation, I want say what might happen, because I don't want to ever thank that way because there are so many good people in our country.

Maybe people might say what do a p.f.c. know, but I tell you this come over here with us and find out, stop your yelling, you don't know what going on until you make the big change and come over.

I will tell everybody that from now on I will devote my life to fighting crime no matter where it may be, for this reason there have been many men who have given there lives for freedom and all those men I had great respect for them and when I leave Vietnam my future will be as I have said, it time that every american stand up for his or her country. There is nothing to great for a man to give for his country but if he sit back and let the evil one take what he believe in, he is not a man so I say this to the nation, you better wise up we will fight against violence any where it may be. Don't let people destroy things that are good and decent.

Sincerely
Frank

GENERAL

June 21, 1968

LE/JL3

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Wakelee:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Heath Wakelee
448 Denslow Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90049

CMF:msc

GEN. LEA JL3

June 21, 1968

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Bone:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Jerry Bone
1614 West Granwyler Road
Irving, Texas 75060

CFH:mfd

CHECKED BY
UNIT
JUN 21 1968
OF/

4
GENERAL

GI 2-8/H*

FG2/KENNEDY, JACKIE

JL3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Hardin:

This is to acknowledge, with thanks, the inscribed copy of "Apples of Gold" which you kindly sent to the President. As you requested, I am forwarding the other two books to Mrs. John F. Kennedy and Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Willabe^x Hardin
Apartment 253
3304 Florence Boulevard
Omaha, Nebraska 68110

cc: Mrs. John F. Kennedy w/ book, 400 Park Ave, NY, NY
Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy w/ book 1147 Chain Bridge Rd,
McLean, Virginia. Each book is inscribed

JDR/LF/mek/maj

Gift

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

June 20, 1968

General
~~SP-3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mrs. Marion W. Alexander
Wingate
179 B Wert Avenue
Trenton, New Jersey 08610

SM:sle - 2

8 Commends Biko's
conduct during
APK crisis
6 June 1968 K-3
Pledges efforts to bring peace
& love at home & abroad (Pis 4/5 Sp?)
SH-68

Dear President Johnson:

For two days, when
I am not at my job
as an employee of
the administration section
of the New Jersey Dept.
of Transportation, I have
listened and watched
you and everyone else
who has appeared on
my television screen.

As a mother of
three wonderful children
and as the daughter
of a retired Penna.
Railroad engineer, may

-2-

I say "Thank you" for
conducting yourself as
the truly great person
you are - I would
be proud to be your
daughter, and I know
if your parents were
alive, they too, would
be proud of you.

It has never been
my custom to sit
down and write to
a President a Senator
or any other man or
woman who represents
me in Washington. But
today, my heart is

filled with grief. And
I have said where
is it all going to
end.

During World War II,
my husband and myself
served our country,
both as members of
the U. S. Marine Corps.
Today our youngest
son volunteered for
the armed forces. He
is now a member
of the Green Beret. He
is proud, like Robert
Kennedy, he is anxious
to serve his country.

-4-

and to try and tell
the world that we
are not 'all bad -
we want peace - we
want equality for all
and most important
we want to offer love
to our many neighbors,
here and abroad.

God grant (and we
must not forget to
include him in all
our plans) that in
the remaining days
of your long, interesting
brilliant career in
the service of your
country, you may see
men, women and
children drawn closer

together.

I know of no better gift of appreciation to give to you, than our promise and our efforts to create a world of peace, love and harmony.

Thank you Mr. President for giving me the opportunity to express my thoughts. A privilege many people throughout the world do not share.

Respectfully
(Mrs) Maria W. Alexander
Wingate

179 B West Ave.
Trenton, N.J. 08610

June 20, 1968

General
~~ST-3-236/ST~~

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Koch:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Mrs. Rucile L. Koch
216 Main Street
Valley City, North Dakota 58072

DFP:jms

18 DDP
SH-68

Rucile's Dress & Gift Shop

216 MAIN STREET

VALLEY CITY, N. DAK.

President L. J. Johnson
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

I am just one citizen...but my heart is so full of sorrow on this occasion of Senator Kennedy's death it compels me to tell you that I think YOU are one of the most understanding and unprejudiced man and President the United States could have. In spite of the personal conflicts reported to have arisen in the Johnson-Kennedy associations and your rejection of Robert Kennedy as your V.P. last election, your present reaction to this terrible misjustice has overpowered your personal feeling and you have been a shining light to many of us who have heretofore, judged you wrongly as far as your actions and attitudes toward the Kennedy's are concerned.

I dearly love the Kennedy family. Their loyalty, to the extent of sacrificing their lives for the country they love...dwells deep within my heart. I definitely would have voted for Robert F. Kennedy because I believe he was sincere in his desire to help us out of this terrible world situation. His youth, his burning zeal and desire to light the one candle to make the nation brighter was the inspiration every citizen understood and wanted to aid.

Now that Robert F. Kennedy has been relieved of his duty, it is for us that are living to commemorate his dedication and carry on with just as much fervent dedication that he portrayed. If our Vice President Humphrey believes in the principles and desires of his accomplishment as Senator Kennedy I for one, will do all in my power to elect him. for we need another President with your foresight and compassion. (I think your wife is a wonderful person too).

In the meantime, again accept my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful tribute and attitude at this trying time.

God's blessings and Lord's protection
to you, our faithful servant.

LM/R


Mrs. Rucile L. Koch

June 20, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 21

J23/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Chadder:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles W. Chadder
82 Cedar Street
Wenham, Massachusetts

DFP:jms

June 20, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL 3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Schrick:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Donna Schrick
10055 Sepulveda Boulevard
Mission Hills, California 91340

DFF:jms

June 20, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 43

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Deatherage:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. G. B. Deatherage
709 Lakeside Drive
Mesquite, Texas 75149

CF:jms

June 20, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 32

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mrs. Enter:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Cora M. Enter
33 North Avenue
Webster, New York 14580

CF:jms

June 20, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 13

JL3/Kennedy R.F.

Dear Mr. Strickert:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

The Reverend Charles Strickert
2635 North Talman Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60647

SM:slaxe
()

GENERAL

LE/JK3
JK3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Needler:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5. It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Martin C. Needler
1201 Las Lomas Road, NE.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

SM:cas

June 20, 1968

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy
Robert F.

PL
FE
Kennedy, Mrs. Robert F.

Dear Kevin:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness at this time of terrible sorrow. Your card has been conveyed to the Kennedy family as you requested.

The following are the constitutional qualifications for the offices about which you asked:

1. The President of the United States must be a natural-born citizen, at least 35 years old, and for at least 14 years a resident of the United States;
2. A member of the United States Senate must be at least 30 years of age, must have been a citizen of the United States for 9 years, and must be a resident of the state from which he is sent to Congress;
3. A member of the House of Representatives must be at least 25 years of age, must have been a United States citizen for at least 7 years, and must reside in the state from which he is sent to Congress.

With the President's appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Kevin Cooney
130 Bellamy Road North
Apartment 409
Scarborough, Ontario, Canada

Enclosure 9 Our American Government.
EK:gbk

ENCLOSURE ONLY TO HILL *sent*

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

130 Bellamy R. N.
Schenoborough, Ont.
June 6, 1968,
Canada.

Dear Mr. President,
If it wouldn't be too much
trouble could you please answer ~~answer~~
the question and mail it back. A-
fter you have done this could you
give the letter in the other envelope to
Mrs. Robert Francis Kennedy.

1. Since I live in Canada, and ^{if} I moved
to the States, could I become a Senator
and later a President, like you?

Yours truly
Kevin Cooney.

mc/dg

June 20, 1968

(2)
GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
FG 2/Kennedy,
John F.
Kennedy, Mrs. Robert F.
PR 6

Dear Mr. Pulliam:

I just wanted to assure you that your message has been received and forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

I am sorry that we do not have pictures of President John F. Kennedy or Senator Robert F. Kennedy. You may want to write directly to the office of Senator Kennedy, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C., which is still open.

With the President appreciation for your thoughtfulness at this time of sorrow,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Philip Pulliam
Mill Creek
Missouri 63658

Send Enclosure only to the Hill. *sent*

EK:gbk
9

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILE

June 9th, 1968

Dear Mr. President,

I am from a very small town and only want to make a very small request.

Would you please see that Mrs. Kennedy gets the letter I have written to her? I have sent it to you because I don't know her address. Also, would you please send some pictures of John F. Kennedy and his family and one of Sen. Robert Kennedy and his family. I would be very grateful if you would do so. I really thought a lot about the Kennedy

brothers who have been
shot by other men.

Sincerely yours,
Philip Williams
Mill Creek
Missouri
63658

P.S. That is my address
also. Please send the
pictures to me.

P.P.S. Please excuse this sloppy paper and writing but I'm not rich

me

GENERAL

*FL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.*

June 20, 1968

Dear Miss Adams:

I just wanted to assure you that your letter to President Johnson has been received and the enclosures forwarded to the family of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

With the President's appreciation for your thoughtfulness at this time of sorrow,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Elizabeth^X Adams
469 Columbian Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43223

20
Send ALL of incoming to Hill

EK:WS:lcc

9

RECEIVED
JUN 22 1968
CENTRAL FILES

ELIZABETH ADAMS
469 COLUMBIAN AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

Honorable Lyndon Johnson
President of the United States
White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an article which I wrote while taking an evening course at Ohio State University in 1952. This article was published recently by Dr. Warren G. Harding II M.D. Superintendent of Grant Hospital, Columbus Ohio in an issue of the Hospital's newsletter. Dr. Harding is a nephew of the late President Harding of Marion Ohio.

The subject of the article is "Dying can be beautiful" and the inspiration found in the comment "The end of something good is seldom bad", has brought comfort to hundreds of people who have requested copies from the hospital. It occurred to me that it might bring some comfort to Mrs. Kennedy. If you agree, perhaps you would forward it to her.

I am also enclosing a picture of my sister Pauline Mahaffey when she was a guest of the late President John Kennedy. She publishes a weekly newspaper "The Suburban Record" in Silver Springs, Maryland. Her

ELIZABETH ADAMS
469 COLUMBIAN AVENUE
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43223

husband is Raymond E. Mahaffey
who is employed by The Department
of State in Washington, D.C.

Respectfully yours
Elizabeth Adams R.N.

June 9, 1968

Wc

June 20, 1968

GENERAL
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.,
PR6-1/D+

Dear Miss Doningue:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for sharing with him your concern and grief at the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The President mourns with the nation -- and with countless millions around the world -- at this time of terrible sorrow.

As you requested, your card has been conveyed to the Kennedy family. The enclosed photograph of the President comes to you with his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Rena Marie Doningue
204 Maud Avenue
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

Enclosure: Unsigned photograph of the President *sent*

Send enclosure only -- on separate envelope with address on front.

EK:gbk

9

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

Alhenville La.
June 9, 1968
Dear President
Lindon Johnson,
Writing you this
letter to let you
know I want to comment
you on your speeches
you made how
wonderful & was very
interested. I sure hate
to see you are retiring
from being a president
of the U. S. It must
be tough to rule all
those states. To me
all of you who are
in public offices are
so nice. I could spend
all the night listening

and watching all of
your talk. Vice Hubert
Humphrey is also nice.
I took it so hard
when they killed
John F. Kennedy &
Robert Francis Kennedy.
I weeped and weeped.
I'd be so glad when
they'll stop the killing.
I really do care. It
must be tough on their
family. Would you
please, send a small
photograph picture of you
for a souvenir. I'd
like one. When you
talk & make speeches
I weep. Even though
I don't know any.

Anyone of you. I feel
sorry. I have sympathy
for all of you. I wish
you all in the best
of health. Even Edward
Kennedy & Ily.

Sincerely yours,
Miss Rula
Maiee Domingue

P.S. Would you mind
giving this sympathy
Card to the Kennedy's
Family. I my mother
can't get over all
of this tragedy.
I don't know the
Kennedy's family.

gh
GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F. (2)

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Babazadeh:

The President asked me to thank you for your letter and for your thoughtfulness in letting him have your suggestion.

He shares your appreciation for the swift action and heroic courage shown by the two athletes, Mr. Rafer Johnson and Mr. Roosevelt Grier. It is indeed the kind of unselfish spirit that is traditional in our society and has contributed so much in making our country a great one.

The President believes, as you do, that our future is bright as long as our nation can develop young people with faith, with courage and with a sense of responsibility.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Will Sparks
Assistant to
the President

Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh
326 Westcott Street
Syracuse, New York 13210

DEK:et
3

RECEIVED
JUN 22 1968
CENTRAL FILES

6/17

EDDIE BRADSHAW:

Could you please prepare a reply for Mr. Sparks' signature. Many thanks.

Eliska
Eliska

WSI

ack.
6/20/68
et

EB/nos

326 Westcott Street
Syracuse, New York 13210
June 10, 1968

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Sadly, it is often a tragic event which causes heroic qualities in men to emerge. Los Angeles Rams' tackle Rosie Grier and Olympic decathlon champ Rafer Johnson not only captured and disarmed the man accused of shooting Senator Kennedy. At risk to their own safety, they defended the constitutional rights of the man who, allegedly, had just gunned down their friend, a great American. These two powerful athletes used their inner strength to maintain law, order and justice. To overcome personal grief, and to act rationally and purposefully in the midst of danger and confusion is heroic.

We are overcome with grief at all the disorder and violence we have seen during the last few years, and sometimes may ask ourselves if there really is a future for law, order, democracy and justice. The heroism of two athletes says there is a future. While grieving America's tragedies, shall we ignore America's heroes? Couldn't Rafer Johnson and Rosie Grier be officially recognized for their courage? We like to think they did what any decent citizen would have done under the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh

Mrs. Ebrahim Babazadeh

MESSAGE OFFICE
PRESIDENTIAL

JUN 11 1968

THE WHITE HOUSE

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 15 PM 12 33

326 Westcott Street
Gyrfuse, New York 13210
June 10, 1968

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Sadly, it is often a tragic event which causes heroic
qualities in man to emerge. Los Angeles Rams' tackle Roosevelt
Grier and Olympic decathlon champ Walter Johnson not only
captured and disarmed the man accused of shooting Senator
Kennedy. At risk to their own safety, they defended the
constitutional rights of the man who, allegedly, had just
gunned down their friend, a great American. These two power-
ful athletes used their inner strength to maintain law, order
and justice. To overcome personal grief, and to act rationally
and purposefully in the midst of danger and confusion is
heroic.

We are overcome with grief at all the disorder and
violence we have seen during the last few years, and sometimes
may ask ourselves if there really is a future for law, order,
democracy and justice. The heroism of two athletes says there
is a future. While grieving America's tragedies, shall we
ignore America's heroes? Couldn't Walter Johnson and Roosevelt
Grier be officially recognized for their courage? We like to
think they did what any decent citizen would have done under
the circumstances.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. Abraham Babarash
Mrs. Abraham Babarash

PRESIDENTIAL
MESSAGE OFFICE

1968 JUN 17 AM 9 34

THE WHITE HOUSE

GENERAL

J.3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mr. Frye:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement on June 5. It was good of you to let him have your comments at this time of tragedy, and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Berson Frye
Post Office Box 348
Fresno, California 93708

SM:cas - 2

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

15 Fri
BERSON FRYE & CO.

FRESNO

MEMBERS

FRESNO COTTON EXCHANGE
WESTERN COTTON SHIPPERS ASSN.

P. O. BOX 348
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93708

383 statement on June 5.
... comments
as this time of tragedy,

June 6, 1968

President Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In the aftermath of the tragedy of Robert Kennedy and having listened to your speech of last night, I must make several points clear to you that seem to me the only solution to your and our problem.

Allowing hot heads to speak of violence and defiance of the laws of the United States without immediate incarceration is unthinkable.

Allowing looting or burning or any other acts of this nature without immediate retaliation by the police or soldiers to the point of shooting the offender is unthinkable.

To carry these points forward I think you should ask Congress to study a new law with teeth in it regarding what is treason and what is sedition, and what responsibilities the police and soldiers have regarding the protection of property.

Registering guns is nothing particularly good or bad, for, after all, any criminal can steal a gun, registered or not. But allowing the Rap Brown's and Stokeley Carmichael's to spout like they do and get away with it, infuriates not only the white people but leads every kook in town to think he can do the same thing.

I think your speech of last night was great. My heart goes out to you and the Kennedys, but "freedom" without law is anarchy and "freedom" without the law requires, unfortunately, restrictions on every individual, rich or poor, black or white, Arab or Jew.

Sincerely,

Benson Frye

BERSON FRYE

BF:bs

gh
GENERAL

JL 3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 20, 1968

Dear Mrs. Skidmore:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing following his statement to the Nation on June 5.

It was good of you to let him have your comments and he asked that I convey to you his thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. J. Richard Skidmore⁷
154 Hernandez Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127

DEK:az
3

RECEIVED
JUN 24 1968
CENTRAL FILES

in det. act. 6/12/68
Pw 4/5 383 (statement to the
Nation on June 5.)

K1

Mrs. J. Richard Skidmore
154 Hernandez Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127

June 5, 1968

My dear Mr. President,

Your speech this evening
was the best speech I have
ever heard you make. You
came through loud and
clear—short and to the
point.

I agree with you one-
hundred per cent! May I
applaud you on your forceful
speech this evening.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Patricia A. Skidmore

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

GENERAL

NYH14-1

FE3-1/Kennedy, R.H.

DL3/Kennedy, Robert

To: Secretary of Defense

Date: June 20, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
☐ President's signature.
☐ Undersigned's signature.

☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.

☒ Direct reply.
~~XXXXXXXX~~ Furnish information copy.

- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.

☐ For your information.

☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other:

To: Barefoot Sanders
From: Cong. Joe Pool
Date: June 13, 1968
Subject: Use of federal planes to transport the body of the late Senator Robert Kennedy.

By direction of the President:

Barefoot Sanders
Legislative Counsel
to the President

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
GENERAL FILES

(White House File Copy)

mc1
GENERAL

June 20, 1968

2
JL3/Kennedy,
Robert F.
PR14/ST 36
Karcher, Mrs. Oswald
Watson, M. E.

Dear Reverend Belk:

President Johnson received the copy of your precinct resolution and asked me to express his gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

The President shares your deep sorrow over the tragic slaying of Senator Robert Kennedy. In his words:

"This is a moment for all Americans to join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

The President also has taken appreciative note of the theme of loyalty and the high regard for party leaders expressed in the resolution. You have his warm best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Reverend Fred R. ^X Belk
1404 Kaw Street
Perry, Oklahoma 73077

JC:WS:mg

9
RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
GENERAL FILES

Rev. Fred R. Belk
Prct. Chairman
1404 Kaw St.
Perry, Okla. 73077

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED THAT PRECINCT 2 OF WARD 3 OF NOBLE COUNTY, PROPERLY ASSEMBLED AT 7:30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1968, HEREBY GO ON RECORD AS FAVORING THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AND URGING ITS ADOPTION AT THE NOBLE COUNTY PARTY CONVENTION TO BE ASSEMBLED AT 2 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 15, IN THE DISTRICT COURTROOM AT PERRY, NOBLE COUNTY, OKLA.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY, NOBLE AND DILIGENT LEADER IN OUR GREAT PARTY, WHO DIED FROM AN IGNOMINIOUS ASSASSIN'S BULLETS, BE COMMENDED TO ALMIGHTY GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND THAT WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO THE FREEDOM AND JUSTICE HE ESPOUSED.

SECOND, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALL LOYAL DEMOCRATS URGE THE CITIZENRY TO BECOME CONCERNED AND INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL ARENA OF AMERICAN LIFE SO THAT A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MAY PERVADE OUR LAND IN SUCH A WAY THAT ALL ACTS OF DESABILITATING VIOLENCE AND CRIMINALITY MAY CEASE IN THIS LAND WE LOVE.

THIRD, BE IT RESOLVED THAT OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP IN OUR PARTY ON THE PART OF SENATOR MIKE MONRONEY, SENATOR FRED HARRIS AND COUNTY CHAIRMAN DWIGHT RYMER BE COMMENDED AS WELL AS OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON, VICE-PRESIDENT HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, SENATOR EUGENE MCCARTHY, AND THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY BE COMMENDED AND THAT NOBLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS URGENTLY UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES OF THESE MEN AND STAND BEHIND WHOEVER MAYBE CHOSEN BY OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION AT CHICAGO IN AUGUST.

AND FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED THAT STATE, COUNTY, CITY, WARD AND PRECINCT WORKERS BECOME SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF THE ENORMITY OF OUR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PROBLEMS AND SEEK TO ELECT WISE LEADERSHIP IN ALL SPHERES OF AMERICAN LIFE.

ATTEST:

M. E. Watson
PRECINCT SECRETARY-TREASURER

Fred A. Belk
PRECINCT CHAIRMAN
Mrs. Oswald Karcher
PRECINCT CO-CHAIRMAN

WHITE HOUSE
MAIL ROOM

1968 JUN 17 PM 4 27

07
CHECKED BY
UNIT

JUN 21 1968

June 20, 1968

GENERAL

GI 2-12/E#

JL 3/KENNEDY, R.F.

Dear Mrs. Easley:

Thank you for writing to the President and enclosing a Green Scapular for him. He, of course, shares your concern and grief at the tragic loss of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

In answer to your query, you may send your expression of sympathy to Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy at 1147 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Anna Easley
16653 Gazeley Street
Mint Canyon, California 91350

JDR/LF/mek/maj

Gift

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1968
CENTRAL FILES

GENERAL

ND19/C0312/ND9
JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for giving him your thoughts on events of critical concern to every American. He is very much aware of the distress that tragic events in this country may cause those whose loved ones are bravely serving the Nation in Viet-Nam.

The President more than shares your concern over lawlessness in a country that has and must always draw strength from the decency and dedication of its people. In his words, there can be no justification for violence that tears at the fabric of our national life.

For many months the President has urged the Congress to enact stringent crime and gun control legislation. Of immediate importance, you may want to read in full his remarks of June 5 and June 10 on combatting and inquiring into the causes of violence. The enclosed copies come to you with the President's appreciation for your interest.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Betty Lewis
426 Northeast 156th
Seattle, Washington 98155

Enclosures: 6/5 televised rmks on shooting; and 6/10 rmks to Commission

GMR:WS:lcc

June 19, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 25

JL3/Kennedy, Robert F.

Dear Mr. Crow:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. A. B. Crow
7038 Chestnut
Kansas City, Missouri 64132

CP:sle

dg
GENERAL

JK 3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Miss Bowers:

President Johnson appreciates your thoughtful letter. You have his thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

X
Miss Rose M. Bowers
510 West 15th
Hays, Kansas 67601

MD:jam

7

RECEIVED
JUN 20 1968
CENTRAL FILES

JS Comment RFR

June 5, 1968

MD
A-248

ack
6/19/68

Dear Mr. President:

I'm listening to the report on the attempted assassination of Kennedy on C.B.S. It was reported that a man ask you what was wrong with this Country and you replied, "I AM."

Mr. President, Don't ever apologize to anyone for doing what you think is right. No one, least of all the people in this Country, knows the job and decisions you must make and, right or wrong, you must do what your conscience tells you to do. Just blaming yourself. you owe no man any explanation, no people any excuse for what you do. The only debt you have is to God.

All of us share the blame. We sit at home and criticize (and I've done it as badly or worse than most) you for your job but there is no one person alive who could do any different.

Regardless of whether I like you or not,
you're still my President of my Country
and I do respect you for this Position.
Don't ever blame yourself for whatever
you do.

I just had to write this short note.
It just made me angry to hear you
take the blame for all of us when you
don't have to. You've done your best
and that's all anyone should ask of you.

Sincerely Bowers
(Miss) Rose Mary Bowers
510 W. 15th
Topeka, Kansas 67601

June 19, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 30

TL 3/Kennedy Rott F

Dear Miss Malone:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Miss Maureen Malone
426 Garfield Avenue
Palmyra, New Jersey 08065

DFF:sle

June 19, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 22

JK3/Kennedy, R/H F

Dear Mr. Morris:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John J. Morris
21741 Edmuntton
St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48080

DFF:sle

GENERAL

JH3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Rubin:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter.

It was good of you to commend his leadership and to let him know of your confidence and support. You have his appreciation and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

^x
Mrs. Norman Rubin
543 Fairway Drive
Woodmere, New York 11598

MD:jam

RECEIVED
JUN 20 1968
CENTRAL FILES

7

ack 6/19/68 Rec 6/5 Sp
no Azub Offers to help

K-1

My dear President

I am writing you at the same time
I am listening to you on the
evening of Senator Kennedy's death.
This is the first time I have ever
written a letter. Please, please,
do what you said on television.
I loved my country, my
laws, my people and the way
my government worked - through
democracy. But these last years
I am so confused. I am also
beginning to get filled with
hate, and I am really crying
because of this hate. Please let
me help you, help me;
if there is anything I can do
I will do it. I am just a
housewife and feel so useless
and helpless. I am sure there
are many such women as I
who will be glad to do something.
If you do read this, thank you

for that speech, It really
helped because I know you
understand what we are all
feeling.

With respect and love
Mrs. Norman Rubin

dg
GENERAL

Jk3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Sichelman:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. To know that he has your approval and support means much to him and he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

x
Mrs. Janet Sichelman
5817 North Kenmore
Chicago, Illinois 60626

MD:jam

9

RECEIVED
JUN 20 1968
CENTRAL FILES

18
ms
A-245 (b)
ack
6/19/68

K-1

5817 N. Kenmore
Chicago, Illinois 60626
June 6, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

My husband and I thought the
content and delivery of your
speech last night was excellent.
"To live under law" is the only way
to achieve freedom.

I admire you greatly, and
even though I may not agree
with all of your policies, I feel
that no man would have been
able to improve upon your
administration. This is a time of
difficulty in our world, and I feel
you have done your utmost to
improve all situations.

We wish to thank you for
undertaking this tremendous
task and for doing such a
fine job.

Sincerely,
Mrs Janet Sichelman

GENERAL

JL3/Kennedy, R.F.

June 19, 1968

Dear Mrs. Pickard:

President Johnson asked me to thank you for your letter. To know that he has your approval and support means much to him and he appreciates your thoughtfulness in writing.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

^x
Mrs. Sam Pickard
2246 48th, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20007

⁺
(Mrs. Jennelle Pickard)

MD:jam

RECEIVED
JUN 20 1968
CENTRAL FILES

18
m 18
4-245
Pro-6/5 sp
ack
6/19/68

June 6, 1968

My Dear Mr President,

Three weeks ago we moved to Washington. So much has been beyond my understanding. As the mother of two teenage girls I have been even more concerned about the apparent disregard for law and human dignity.

Having a basic belief in people's goodness, I was more than confused at recent happenings, and had begun to think I was the stupid one.

On the T.V. program, after Sen Kennedy was shot - you came on the air, and with basic good sense and leadership straightened out my thinking. Thank you for reminding us that we are not all bad.

If I, a plain citizen, can worry about this country - what you have had to carry is beyond comprehension.

Thank you again for a fine speech in a time of need.

Very Respectfully,
Genelle Richard
(Mrs Sam Richard)

GEN. LEV J L 3

June 19, 1968

JL 3/Kennedy Rolt F.

Dear Mr. Harrington:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Charles F. Harrington, Jr.
Route 4, Box 256B, Station A
Joplin, Missouri 64801

CFH:mfd

GEN. LEV J L3

JL3/Kennedy R & F

June 19, 1968

Dear Mr. Case:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your telegram. Please be sure that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Johnny E. Case
10543 Jardine Avenue
Sunland, California

CMF:mec

June 19, 1968

General
SP 3-236/ST 5

JL3/Kennedy, R.H.F.

Dear Mrs. El-Saden:

President Johnson deeply appreciated the confidence reflected in your letter at this time of terrible sorrow. He asked me to thank you -- and to reassure you of his lasting commitment to the cause of peace, unity, and justice for all men.

With the President's gratitude,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. M. R. El-Saden
1530 Miramar Drive
Fullerton, California 92631

DFP:sle